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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing with the above-referenced application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

at page 2, line 5, after "established" and before "due" replace ",," with
-. This is-.

at page 5, line 15, after "polypeptides)" and before "to" remove "."

at page 5, line 17, replace "soluble supports" with -solid supports-.

at page 7, line 1, replace "fish" with -select-.

at page 7, line 11, replace "5,547,035" with -5,547,835-.

at page 9, line 5, replace "moelcule" with -molecule-.